

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **BASKETBALL ACT MAKE HISTORIC ANNOUNCEMENT WITH NEW CEO APPOINTMENT**

After an extensive recruitment process, Basketball ACT (BACT) has announced the appointment of current General Manager – Operations, Nicole Bowles, to the position of Chief Executive Officer.

Nicole’s appointment will see her become the first female Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in Basketball ACT’s history.

During her two-year tenure as General Manager - Operations, Nicole has been involved in a wide range of service delivery and strategic activity across competitions, facilities, officials, high performance and development programs, as well as the NBL1 and Waratah League programs.

When speaking about the historic appointment, BACT President, Allan Yates, said, “We believe Nicole has the understanding, experience and expertise to fulfil this role in the interests of BACT, the Canberra basketball community, stakeholders and the ACT sporting community,”

“The Board is confident Nicole can build on the base left by outgoing CEO, David Simpson, and the staff over the past few years and will put her own mark on our future vision and activity. Nicole has a strong understanding of BACT and its broad span of activities, as well as the Canberra sporting landscape.”

Nicole will assume the role in late January 2023, and will work with outgoing CEO, David Simpson, over the following 6 weeks to ensure a smooth transition. “David has done an outstanding job in managing, overseeing and balancing BACT’s performance and standing over the past three years.” Mr Yates said.

When asked about her appointment, Nicole said “I am honoured to have been appointed as the CEO of Basketball ACT and feel privileged for the opportunity to build on the success of my predecessors. I would like to thank David Simpson for his guidance and leadership, and I am committed to continuing the momentum David built and exploring the many exciting opportunities for our sport in the region.”

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